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SUBJECT: CLEMENCY TO ALLOW RETURN OF 80 EXPELLES FROM

MOZAMBQIUE

### 1. IN COMMEMORATION OF THE THIRD OF THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

MOZAMBQIUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL HAS AUTHORIZED THE RETURN OF EIGHTY MOZAMBICAN BORN INDIVIDUALS WHO LEFT MOZAMBIQUE UNDER THE MARCH 1977 DECREE EXPELLING PERSONS WHO, HAVING ORIGINALLY OPTED FOR MOZAMBIQUE NATIONALITY RENOUNCED THAT NATIONALITY AFTER A STATED DEADLINE.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THE ACT OF CLEMENCY SAID THAT SOME OF THOSE WHO RENOUNCED MOZAMBQIUE NATIONALITY DID SO BECAUSE OF FAMILY PRESSURES OR LACK OF POLITICAL PREPARATION, AND THAT "INNUMERABLE" FORMER MOZAMBICANS HAVE ASKED TO RETURN AND REACQUIRE CITIZENSHIP. THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE PERMITTED TO RESUME MOZAMBIQUE NATIONALITY "EVENTUALLY".

3. THIRTY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WERE PICTURED IN NOTICIAS JULY 2 THEY INCLUDED PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND RACES, ALL BORN IN MOZAMBIUE NONE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PROMINENT IN POLITICS OR  
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BUSINESS. THEY WILL HAVE FIFTEEN DAYS TO CONTACT THE MOZAMBIQUE EMBASSY IN LISBON TO ARRANGE THEIR RETURN.

4. MOZAMBIQUE NEEDS THE SKILLED PORTUGUESE SPEAKING MANPOWER WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED BY THE SO CALLED RETORNADOS NOW IN PORTUGAL. HOWEVER, THE GPRM'S FIRST MOVE TO SANCTION THE RETURN OF FORMER RESIDENTS

IS LARGELY SYMBOLIC, REUNITING FAMILIES AND ADMITTING THOSE  
INVOLUNTARILY EXPELLED BECAUSE OF THE 1977 DECREE. A FEW INDIVIDUALS  
WITH UNIQUE SKILLS OR UNUSUAL ATHLETIC ABILITY ARE ALSO BEING  
ALLOWED BACK. IT SEEMS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT ANY LARGE NUMBERS  
OF FORMER MOZAMBICANS RESIDENT IN PORTUGAL WILL BE PERMITTED TO  
RETURN.  
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